



## THE FISHERIES (CONVERSION FACTORS) NOTICE 1991

PURSUANT to section 3A (2) of the Fisheries Act 1983, the Minister of Fisheries, acting after consultation with the Fishing Industry Board, hereby gives the following notice.

### NOTICE

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) This notice may be cited as the Fisheries (Conversion Factors) Notice 1991.

(2) This notice shall come into force on the 1st day of October 1991.

**2. Interpretation**—(1) In this notice, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Dressed” means—

(a) In relation to fish other than hoki, ling, squid, or stargazer, the state in which—

- (i) The fish has been headed and gutted; and
- (ii) The pectoral fins of the fish have been removed, whether or not the tail has been removed at a point behind the posterior base of the anal fin:

(b) In relation to hoki and ling, the state in which—

- (i) The fish has been headed and gutted; and
- (ii) The pectoral fins have been removed; and
- (iii) The tail has been removed at a point where the depth of the body is 60 mm or less:

(c) In relation to squid, the state in which the head and all internal organs have been removed and discarded, whether or not the tentacles have been removed and discarded:

(d) In relation to stargazer, the state in which—

- (i) The fish has been gutted; and
- (ii) The part of the body that includes the head and pectoral fins has been removed either—

(A) By a contour cut, being a cut that follows the shape of the skull, that starts at the posterior of the gill covers and proceeds forward to a point directly behind the skull; or

(B) By a straight cut that is a straight traverse cut close behind the posterior edge of the gill covers:

“Fillets” means—

(a) In relation to any species or class of fish for which a conversion factor for skin-off fillets is specified in the Schedule to this notice, the flesh, with the skin still attached, from either side of the body of the fish from immediately behind the head or the pectoral fin to the tail:

(b) Skate wings, being the pectoral fins severed from the body of a skate by a cut that begins at the nose, proceeds parallel to the edge of the gill openings, then proceeds down the side of the gut cavity, and exits at the joint between the pectoral fin (being the wing flap) and the pelvic fin (being the next lobe on the body):

(c) In relation to any other fish, the flesh from either side of the body of the fish from immediately behind the head or the pectoral fin to the tail, whether or not the skin has been removed from that flesh:

“Fish meal” means whole fish that has been rendered or cooked into a dried form:

“Greenweight” means the weight of fish prior to any processing or removal of any part of the fish:

“Gutted” means the state in which only the internal organs of the body cavity have been removed, whether or not the gills have been removed:

“Headed and gutted” means, in addition to gutted, the state in which the head and that portion of the body immediately forward of the pectoral fin have been removed, whether or not the tail has been removed at a point behind the posterior base of the anal fin:

“Rock lobster tail” means that part of a rock lobster that remains after the head and carapace, including the internal organs and all appendages attached to the carapace, have been removed:

“Shucked or shelled”, in relation to shellfish, means shellfish that have had the shell removed, whether or not the viscera and gonads have been removed:

“Skin-off fillets” means the flesh from either side of the body of a fish from immediately behind the head or the pectoral fin to the tail, where the skin has been removed from that flesh:

“Surimi” or “fish paste” means a processed form of fish that has been headed and gutted, skinned, deboned, minced, and washed, whether or not it has been chemically stabilised:

“Tentacles”, in relation to squid, means the state in which the head, mantle, and all internal organs have been removed and discarded.

**3. Conversion factors**—(1) The conversion factors for the species or classes of fish set out in the Schedule to this notice are hereby specified as those set out in that Schedule, and shall be used to convert the weight of fish in the defined state to greenweight (e.g., 1 tonne of alfonfino fillets is equivalent to 2.3 tonnes greenweight alfonfino).

(2) Where any fish is processed to more than one defined state but less than another defined state, the conversion factor shall apply in respect of

that fish as if it were in the state that has the numerically larger conversion factor.

**4. Revocations**—The following notices are hereby revoked:

(a) The Fisheries (Conversion Factors) Notice 1990 (S.R. 1990/266);

(b) The Fisheries (Conversion Factors) Notice 1990, Amendment No. 1 (S.R. 1990/336).

SCHEDULE  
CONVERSION FACTORS

Cl.3 (1)

Species or Class of Fish	Greenweight Equivalent				
	Gutted	Headed and Gutted	Dressed	Fillets	Fillets Skin-Off
Alfonsino (BYX) ( <i>Beryx splendens</i> and <i>Beryx decadactylus</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.40	1.80	2.30	
Barracouta (BAR) ( <i>Thyrisites atun</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.50	1.50	2.30	
Blue cod (BCO) ( <i>Parapercis colias</i> ) .. ..	1.15	1.40	1.70	1.70	2.60
Blue moki (MOK) ( <i>Latridopsis ciliaris</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.40	2.50	2.50	
Bluenose (BNS) ( <i>Hyperoglyphe antarctica</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.40	1.70	2.25	
Blue warehou (WAR) ( <i>Seriola brama</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.40	1.55	2.00	
Elephant fish (ELE) ( <i>Callorhynchus milii</i> ) .. ..	1.10	2.30	2.30	2.85	
Flatfish (FLA) ( <i>Rhombosolea plebeia</i> ; <i>Pelotretis flavilatus</i> ; <i>Peltorhamphus novaezeelandiae</i> ; <i>Rhombosolea leporina</i> ; <i>Colistium guntheri</i> ; <i>Colistium nudipinnis</i> ; <i>Rhombosolea retiaris</i> ; <i>Rhombosolea tapirina</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.40	1.80	1.80	
Gemfish (SKI) ( <i>Rexea solandri</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.50	1.55	2.30	
Grey mullet (GMU) ( <i>Mugil cephalus</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.40	2.00	2.00	
Gurnard (GUR) ( <i>Chelidonichthys kumu</i> ) .. ..	1.05	1.65	1.80	2.05	2.60
Hake (HAK) ( <i>Merluccius australis</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.50	1.80	2.30	
Hapuku and Bass (HPB) ( <i>Polyprion oxygeneios</i> ; <i>Polyprion moene</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.45	1.85	2.40	
Hoki (HOK) ( <i>Macruronus novaezeelandiae</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.50	1.80	2.20	3.00
Jack mackerel (JMA) ( <i>Trachurus declivus</i> , <i>T. novaezeelandiae</i> , <i>T. murphyi</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.50	1.60	2.50	
John Dory (JDO) ( <i>Zeus faber</i> ) .. ..	1.10	1.50	1.70	2.60	

SCHEDULE—*continued*  
CONVERSION FACTORS—*continued*

Species or Class of Fish	Greenweight Equivalent				
	Gutted	Headed and Gutted	Dressed	Fillets	Fillets Skin-Off
Ling (LIN)					
( <i>Genypterus blacodes</i> ) ..	1.25	1.50	1.80	2.10	
Orange Roughy (ORH)					
( <i>Hoplostethus atlanticus</i> ) ..	1.10	2.00	2.00	4.00	
Oreo dories (OEO)					
( <i>Alloctytus sp.</i> , <i>Pseudocyttus maculatus</i> ; <i>Neocyttus rhomboidalis</i> )	1.10	2.15	2.25	5.30	
Red Cod (RCO)					
( <i>Pseudophycis bacchus</i> ) ..	1.10	1.65	1.80	2.50	
Rig (SPO)					
( <i>Mustelus lenticulatus</i> ) ..	1.10	2.00	2.00	2.70	
School shark (SCH)					
( <i>Galeorhinus australis</i> ) ..	1.65	2.00	2.00	2.30	
Sea Perch (SPE)					
( <i>Helicolenus</i> ) ..	1.10	1.90	2.10	2.85	3.85
Silver warehou (SWA)					
( <i>Seriolaella punctata</i> ) ..	1.10	1.50	1.60	3.90	
Snapper (SNA)					
( <i>Chrysophrys auratus</i> ) ..	1.10	1.60	1.80	2.30	2.70
Squid (SQU)					
( <i>Nototodarus sp.</i> ; <i>Sepioteuthis bilineata</i> ) ..	1.35		1.90		
Stargazer (STA)					
( <i>Kathetostoma giganteum</i> ) ..	1.15		2.00*	2.60	4.65
Tarakihi (TAR)					
( <i>Nemadactylus macropterus</i> )	1.05	1.55	1.60	2.40	2.80
Trevally (TRE)					
( <i>Caranx georgianus</i> ) ..	1.10	1.50	2.50	2.50	
All other species of shark, skate, or ray (class Chondrichthyes)	1.10	2.00	2.00	2.70†	
All other species of finfish (class Osteichthyes) ..	1.10	1.50	1.80	2.50	

\* Where the straight cut is applied, the conversion factor is 2.50

† The conversion factor for skate wings is specified in clause 7 of this Schedule.

**1. Scallops**—The conversion factor for shucked or shelled scallops (*Pecten novaezelandiae*) is 8.00.

**2. Paua**—The conversion factor for shucked or shelled paua (*Haliotis iris*; *haliotis australis*; *Haliotis virginea*) is 2.50.

**3. Rock lobster**—The conversion factor for rock lobster tails (*Jasus edwardsii*; *Jasus verreauxi*) is 3.00.

SCHEDULE—*continued*  
CONVERSION FACTORS—*continued*

**4. Fish meal**—The conversion factor for fish meal is 5.60 for all species or classes of fish.

**5. Surimi or fish paste**—(1) The conversion factor for surimi or fish paste is 4.30 for all species or classes of fish other than hoki and southern blue whiting.

(2) Except as provided in subclause (3) of this clause, the conversion factor for surimi or fish paste is 5.80 for hoki.

(3) The conversion factor for surimi or fish paste is 4.40 for hoki that—

(a) Are taken in the Southland, South-East, and Sub-Antarctic areas (being those areas specified as quota management areas 3, 4, 5, and 6 in the Second Schedule to the Fisheries (Quota Management Areas, Total Allowable Catches, and Catch Histories) Notice 1986\*); and

(b) Are taken in those areas during the period commencing with the 15th day of September in any year and ending with the close of the 30th day of May in the next year;—

not being hoki that, having been taken by any vessel within the areas referred to in paragraph (a) of this subclause, are subsequently transferred to or taken on board any factory vessel or other vessel outside those areas.

(4) The conversion factor for surimi or fish paste is 5.20 for southern blue whiting (*Micromesistius australis*).

**6. Tentacles**—The conversion factor for tentacles is 4.30.

**7. Skate wings**—The conversion factor for skate wings is 2.65.

Dated at Wellington this 23rd day of September 1991.

D. L. KIDD,  
Minister of Fisheries.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This notice, which comes into force on 1 October 1991, revokes and replaces the Fisheries (Conversion Factors) Notice 1990. The notice specifies the factors to be applied for the purpose of converting the weight of processed fish (gutted, headed and gutted, dressed, or filleted) to greenweight (the weight of fish prior to processing or the removal of any part).

*Clause 2* carries forward the definitions in the former notice with the following changes:

- (a) The term "dressed" now includes the removal of the head and pectoral fins of stargazer by means of a contour cut or a straight cut;
- (b) Squid can be in the dressed state with or without the tentacles;
- (c) The term "fillets" now includes skate wings;
- (d) The term "fish meal" does not now include fish offal on its own.

*Clause 3* provides that the conversion factors to be applied are the ones specified in the Schedule.

*Clause 4* revokes the former notice.

The *Schedule* specifies the conversion factors. New factors are specified for blue cod, bluenose, blue warehou, gemfish, hake, hapuku and bass, hoki, ling, oreo dories, school shark, sea perch, skate wings, snapper, stargazer, and tarakihi.

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